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Dear Citizen,

Your assistance is requested.

The Overall Economic Development Program Committee established by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors is studying the county's economy in order to recommend the best economic development for the future.

Please give us the benefit of your opinions by completing the following survey. The forms will be kept strictly confidential and the results tabulated for committee review.

Thank you for caring about the future of Appomattox County.

Charlie Perkins
Chairman
Appomattox OEDP Committee

1. Are you employed in Appomattox County?

( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Not Employed

2. If no, in which locality do you work? _____

3. What is your occupation? _____

4. How would you rate the availability of labor training facilities (e.g., vocational training or technical schools, private or public) in Appomattox great County residents?
( ) adequate ( ) less than adequate ( ) do not know

5. Would you take advantage of vocational training facilities to improve your job skills?
( ) yes ( ) no ( ) do not know

6. What, if any, improvement do you believe is needed in transportation services to, from, or within Appomattox County?

7. What, if any, recommendations do you have to improve communication services (newspapers, radio, postal, etc.) in Appomattox County?

8. Please rate the following community services.

	Excellent	Adequate	Less than Adequate	No opinion/ Not Applicable
Water Serv.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sewer Serv.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trash Removal	☐	☐	☐	☐
Street & Hwy. Maintenance	☐	☐	☐	☐
Street Lighting	☐	☐	☐	☐
Police protect.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fire protect.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Med. Services	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public Schools	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public recres.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other _____ (specify)	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please comment on the adequacy of any specific community services(s).

9. What do you think is the economic future for:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Appomattox County	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Town of Appo.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Town of Pamplin	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. In your opinion, what kind of new business or industry, if any, does Appomattox County need?

11. What suggestions(s) do you have for improving economic conditions throughout Appomattox County?

12. Do you think there is a role for the local county/town governments to play in economic development?

☐yes ☐No

13. If yes, what should that role be?

14. How do you think Appomattox County should grow in comparison to the state average rate? ☐faster, ☐slower, ☐the same, ☐now grow.

15. Would you be in favor of a new manufacturing firm locating in Appomattox County which employed:

	Strongly Favor	Favor	No Opinion	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
25-50 Employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
50-100 Employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
100-200 Employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
200-300 Employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
300-500 Employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More than 500 Emp.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

16. Any general comments:

The following are not required:

Name:_____

Address:_____

Return by August 3, 1979, to Appomattox OEDP Committee, c/o Appomattox Town Hall, P.O. Box 705, Appomattox, Va. 24522. For additional information, you may contact W. R. Britton, Jr., assistant to the Board of Supervisors.

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By: Dr. Willian Trimyer

AMOS: PROPHET FOR ALL TIMES

Lesson for July 29, 1979
Background Scripture:
Amos 1:1 to 2:16; 5:1-27

Focal Passages: Amos 1:1; 5: 6-7; 14-15; 21-24

Seek good rather than evil, that you may live; so the Lord, the God of hosts will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate...(Amos 5: 14-15)

AMOS PLEADS FOR THE LORD

Amos is an example of a small town boy who made it big as a prophet! This prophet was a very sensitive and perceptive individual. One cursory reading will reveal that Amos was no backwoods hillbilly. He had a spiritual alertness about him that enabled him to see through Israel's outward "religious show" to reveal her inner decay.

Amos came from a rather poor background. He worked as both a shepherd and harvester of "sycamore fruit." Amos observed the growing material wealth of the people of Israel, brought about largely through the efforts of King Jeroboam II and King Uzziah. The prophet observed that the nation was becoming rich in material prosperity, its moral and spiritual condition was a shambles.

It nothing sinful about wealth, so long as things are kept in their proper perspective. Gold has a way of helping some people lose sight of reality. The "fat cats" of Israel grew rich but failed to take notice of the poor at their doorsteps. The rich practiced injustice and oppression towards the poor people in Israel.

Religious rituals were practicedwithout feeling and meaning.... Going to the synagogue became a matter of habit and social customs. In some segments of our own society going to church is the "socially acceptable" thing to do. Amos came along and challenged the corruption of his time with a message that got to the very core of Israel's disease. "Seek the Lord and live!" waas his cry. He followed his appeal with a warning that performing more rituals and sacrifices would not bring healing. Surely Amos had a tough time getting a hearing from the people of that day. When the bank account is secure and the economy is on the upswing, why should there be any talk about healing! Amos was urging the people not to lose sight of their heritage and their God through their growing wealth.

Amos fired away at the rich and the politically powerful who took advantage of the poor and defenseless. The voice of Amos became a haunting cry in defense of those who were exploited by the rich and powerful. What happens to the poor and defenseless unless someone speaks on their behalf?

INJUSTICE CONDEMNED

His message was filled with a predominant theme, namely, "Seek the Lord and live!" Amos and his message became. a "sore spot" for the upper class in Israel. They hated to hear his talk about divine retribution against those who oppressed the poor. Amos confronted the rich and powerful with a reflection of who they had become. He showed them how thet had made a mockery of the religious ritual and sacrifice.

Amos "singed" the people's heads with a message that said, "Turn around and change your hearts!" A nation or a church that forgets its responsibilities to the poor and the oppressed has abandoned the boat, and there is no way back to shore except through a radical attempt to set things in right perespective.

IMITATION RELIGION REJECTED

Many people use the language of Zion, but their hearts are far from it! the people whom Amos confronted used all the right religious language, but their actions disproved their words. "God talk" comes easy for some people, but backing up that talk with concrete action does not come quite so easy. Amos warned that disaster was the Lord was going to execute judgement against them for their lack of compassion and justice.

Justice and righteousness became two focal rallying points in Amos' message. Without the practice of these vital ingredients, the rich and powerful would one day experience the trauma of God's judgement against them

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Do your baking and laundry before 10 A.M. Turn on the dishwasher just before you go to bed. Shower before 10 A.M. or after 10 P.M.

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With your help we can save energy and make it through the summer. And that's important to all of us.

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Class of 1954 Held Reunion

The Graduating Class of 1954 from Appomattox High School held its Twenty-Fifth Reunion on Saturday, June 16, 1979, at the Appomattox County Middle School Cafeteria with 22 of its 66 classmates attending.

Lloyd G. Walton presided over the occasion.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the three deceased class members, Carey Moore, Billy Martin and Edward Giles. Resolutions, prepared by Lloyd G. Walton, were read to the group and sent to the families of the deceased.

Cecil Harvey was in charge of arrangements and other members helping were Merle Nash, Lloyd Walton, Bradley Mann, Everette Beale, Howard Phelps, Betty Phelps, Barbara Metcalf, Margaret Thompson and Robert O'Brien.

Members of the Class of 1954 attending their 25th class reunion were, front row, l to r, Margaret Johnson Thompson. Marv Lou O'Brien Roberts, June Martin Page, Joyce Davis Stewart, Betty Childers Phelps, Harold Martin and John Hudson, teacher; second row l to r Mazie Harvey Carson Merle Reynolds Nash, Cecil Hillman Harvey, Rebecca Moore Covington, Barbara Doss Metcalf, Bradley Mann; third row l to r Howard Phelps, Lloyd Walton, Edmund Patteson, Lewis Moore, Billy Almond and on back row, l to r Sidney Coleman, Richard Nash, Carter Woodson, Robert O'Brien and Everette Beale.

CELEBRATES 93rd BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Annie Warriner of Route 1, Appomattox celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 25th. Mrs. Warriner and her late husband, Eddie Warriner, reared five children, three of whom are still living. Congratulations, Mrs. Warriner.

You don't have to HUNT very hard to BAG a bargain, look in the classified ads.

ROCKS

July 23 - So thankful for the wonderful rain the last few days. It was good for the crops and gardens.

Mrs. L. C. Elder is happy to have her daughter Margaret of Powhatan to be living in Pamplin. She has purchased the Leslie Scruggs home.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder, Joanne, Patricia, Cindy Roach, Cassie Baldwin and Carrie Richardson attended the revival at Hollywood church on Thursday night.

Patricia and Joanne Elder and Cindy Roach furnished special music with Mrs. W. H. Elder at the piano for the revival.

Mrs. Grace Cobbs and son, Jim returned home from the hospital Wednesday but Jim returned back to the hospital the same day.

Ray Davis returned home from the hospital, he continues ill.

Mrs. Glenn S. Martin, Sr. and son James attended the funeral of Emmett Bradshaw at Staunton on Friday afternoon. He was a brother of the former's sister, Namoi husband, Randy Bradshaw of Richmond. Sympathy is extended these families.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wilson and Tracey of Illinois left last Wednesday after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Elder and Adrian moved in their new home Saturday.

Several called in the home of Toby Inge on Tuesday night to help him celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. B. B. Harris Jr. was in the hospital last week but is back home now.

Malcom Miller is in the hospital and had surgery last week. Get well wishes go out to these two.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Crump from Richmond to the Bethany Community along with her mother, Mrs. Mann.

Baptizing will be held at Old Rocks Sunday afternoon August 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Debbie Roach was among the number attending the FBLA Leadership Training Conference at Massanetta Springs, July 9 - 13.

The Rocks Homemakers Club will have their family picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson's on August 4 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

Congratulations to Rocks Ball Team for winning first place in the tournament this past week end.

Concord Garden Club

Mrs. Harvey Hite was hostess for the July meeting of the Concord Garden Club. It was held in New Concord Presbyterian Church. A devotion, entitled "Trees" was presented by the club's president, Mrs. Charles F. Jones.

The subject for the day was "Landscaping" and Mrs. James Hancock, Jr. was the speaker. She added interest by showing slides to illustrate special points being made.

Mrs. Hancock also presented to the club helpful tips on "Growing and Showing Roses" as she is the one especially designated to keep the club alert on Horticulture Tips.

New members were advised that the "Old Dominion Gardner" is a publication to be received every other month and it is paid for with a part of the dues paid annually. Our club voted to send a donation this year to boost the publication.

Recognition was given to the fact that Miss Elizabeth Hammond was this artist who designed the cover on our new year books.

It was announced that Flower Show School is to be held August 6 - 9 at VPI and SU and Course I is to be given this year and also we were told about Campbell County Fair to be held earlier this year. The fair is to be August 23 - 25 in the Campbell County Vo. Tech. Center on Route 29 South.

Results of the judging for the day: Special Exhibits:

"Celebration" (A design following creativity specifications)

"Fireworks" of Coral Bells and Arizona Roses by Mrs. Lottie Wooldridge - Blue

"Celebration" Mrs. Charles F. Jones - Red

Specimen Collections and House Plants:

Mrs. J. W. Pratt, Magnolia - Blue; Pansy - Red; Cosmos - Blue; Deep Pink Zinnia - Red. "Honey Comb" - Marigold - Blue; "False Spiraea" - (Sorbaria) - Blue.

Note: Sorbaria is a shrub that is said to have been introduced to our area by missionaries returning from China according to Dr. Ruskin Freer's column "The Rambles" a few years ago.

Collection of Petunias - Blue.

Specimen: Mrs. Lottie Wooldridge - Deep Pink Rose - Blue; Gladiola - Blue; Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie - Hydrangea - Blue; Marigold - Blue.

House Plants: Tahitian Bridal Veil - Mrs. Donald Johnston - Blue; Impatiens - Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie - Blue; Angel Wing Begonia - Mrs. William Robinson - Red; Gizzard Plant - Mrs. J. F. Mackenzie - Red; Aloe - Mrs. J. W. Pratt - Blue; Piggy Back - Mrs. Charles F. Jones - Blue.

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Capitol Comments

By DAN DANIEL, Fifth District, Virginia

There is hope for tomorrow! Last week, I met with the State Presidents' Conference of the Future Farmers of America. Dave Stratton, Secretary of FFA for the State of Virginia, from Appomattox, was my host. I cannot improve on the sentiments expressed.

Mark Sanborn, National FFA President, East Orwell, Ohio:

"There are at least two great distinctions that the United States still maintains, and these are especially dear to the FFA. These distinctions are AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION.

"No other farmers of the world can come close to comparing with the productivity of American farmers. In 1976 one American farmer produced enough food to feed himself and 56 others. Today, just three years later, he can feed a total of 59. Agricultural exports have been a vital stabilizing factor in our economy and Americans still spend a lesser percent of their disposable income on food than do other consumers of the world.

"I personally doubt that there is anywhere in the world where a quality education is more readily available to every citizen than here in the United States. A shining star in the public instructional system is that of vocational education as evidenced by the fact that in Spring of 1978 unemployment of vocational education students was 5.2% lower than that of youth in the same age range.

"Agriculture and education, America's great distinctions, compliment each other. Our agricultural prosperity allows us to allocate resources to the development of areas such as education and certainly our public instructional program trains young people for the field of work and industries like agriculture benefit.

"I am gravely concerned that the incentives that have made agriculture and education great are lacking in our present society. We have removed incentive from agriculture by ignoring the voice of farmers and other agribusinessmen until crisis situation arose and by legislating volumes of unwarranted regulations.

"The Declaration of Independence has stood as one of the greatest documents of human freedom of all time. Perhaps it is time, in the interest of the freedom we enjoy, to declare our dependence on agriculture to provide life giving food and fiber and upon educaion to develop the most important resource our country possesses- youths' mind. Once we have declared our dependence and acted accordingly, then we can go about successfully the business of continuing to build the greatest nation on earth- the United States of America."

Elvin Caraway, National FFA Vice President, Spur, Texas:

"How do we bridge the communications gap between, for example, the farmer and consumer or the government and the farmer? First, we must understand the importance of the American farmer. Then, we must be committed to letting others know.

"I feel certain that together we want to communicate to our society that we enjoy the greatest quality, quantity and variety of food and fiber in the world. In addition, this food and fiber is less expensive than anywhere in the world. All of this because of our dedicated farmers and the help they receive from the rest of our society."

And finally, Kelly Grant National FFA Secretary, Bolivar, Missouri:

"The Motto of our organization, written nearly 50 years ago, still appropriate today reads: Learning to do, Doing to Earn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. Our service to agriculture is just beginning. In the years to come, that service will be translated into the challenge of feeding the people of our world."

When young men can make statements such as these, there is still a lot of American spirit left. The rest of us can perform no better service for our nation than to nourish and encourage this spirit in the young men and women of this land.

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